The corporate superpowers... by Joe Kashi

The ITT scandal has been a newswoman’s dream, but it is not news, not even by a month’s standards. Lawyers-General, past and present, deny meetings only to have their machinations revealed by an anonymous source. Legal aid organizations protest in vain, but no remedy is found. While this process continues, the Capital continues to call for ITT to agree to a settlement which will put an end to this affair. The Capital has not seen anything like ITT’s refusal to budge since the 1930’s. We’re beginning to see the phenomenon of corporate might rise over the political arena, where the people have no voice. The Capital is acting as if the only thing that matters is not the people’s will, but the companies’ will. We cannot wait for the Capital to check their influence or control their behavior. We have to act to prevent it from happening.

Americans have always worshipped the notion that we live in the freest country in the world. However, the Capital controls the political arena and social policy. There are no limits to what the Capital can do, even if it is not in our best interest. ITT’s refusal to budge is a clear example of this. We cannot continue to allow the Capital to control our lives without doing anything about it.

One aspect of corporate power is the ability to control the media. This allows them to shape public opinion and influence government decisions. We need to be aware of this and work to hold the companies accountable for their actions. Only then can we begin to take control of our lives back.